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THIS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

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1. RONDD (Russian National Popular-State Movement) was formerly known as the National Committee of Russian Emigres in Stuttgart. It is also known by the name of St. George's Brothers and is very closely related to or, more particularly, overlapping with the Association of St. Andrew's Flag. The organization was first heard of in about 1946. This is quite important because this organization has got to be watched. There is almost no doubt that this is a Communist sponsored outfit and that there is direct support from the Communist government.
2. The head man goes under two names - Eugene Dershavin and also Arquik or Artayk. The group was primarily a social organization intended to work with the Germans to try to help the Soviet emigre right after the repatriation problem started - when they were having trouble with their papers, documents, etc. How many are in the organization isn't known. Probably a relatively small number - less than 100. They claim to get their financial support from their own membership and private subscription. Dershavin seems to be the only one really active in the organization. Radnik is the editor of the publication they put out called the "Nabat" which translated means the "Alarm" or "Warning". It is published at the St. George's Printing Shop in Munich. They now are publishing leaflets and bulletins, in German, Russian, English, and, they recently announced that publications are available in all the European languages. The most interesting thing of course is the content of these publications - they appeal to the reader but they do not jibe completely in translation. For instance if a Russian reads it in Russian, there are things in it that appeal to him. If an American reads it in English, there are things that appeal to him. The first objective of the Popular-State movement is "to purge the mass of the Russian emigres abroad of the influence of Russia". They refer to it as the "manifesto of the RONDD-1948". Their principle target is the NTS. They are trying to establish that NTS is a Communist Front working for the USSR. It is very interesting, they use their own materials over and over again.

As you know there is now a radio station in

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25X1 Stuttgart broadcasting to Russia. RONDD has gotten a fair toehold in that
25X1 operation but it is too early to tell just how effective they will be.
25X1 Dershevin in writing his editorials has been quite shrewd, and certainly has
25X1 found some points that will take the notice and the eye of the emigre. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] that he is "crazy" but all agree he is a very talented man, but nothing to
25X1 speak of from the moral point of view. When you read his articles you get
the impression that he is trying to latch on to something appealing to the
US. In one article he refers to the US wealth - "it is their greatest force",
and then he goes on to tell that they are wasting it on emigre organizations.
He says that "Communism is now turning to the US". He attacks the KTS and
develops the idea that there is a network of KTS operators and that "US money
flows through these channels and goes to support a Communist fifth column.
US financial aid being furnished to finance it - a net of Communist Agents
to disrupt the work done among the Soviet anti-Communists".

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